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Stipulation of Fact and Joint Motion for Release of Material Witness(es) And Order Thereon in United States v. Marcelino Molina-Balderrama

before the disposition date set by the Court.

- 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or before **April 28, 2008**
 - 4. The material witness, Jacobo Fernandez-Garcia, in this case:
 - a. Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;
- b. Was induced or encouraged by defendant to enter the United States in violation of the law on or about March 27, 2008;
- c. Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that he was an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;
- d. Was paying \$2,000 to others to be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to his destination therein; and,
- e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland Security for return to his country of origin.
- 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding, including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:
- a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as substantive evidence;
- b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

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- c. Understanding that under <u>Crawford v. Washington</u>, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004), "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.
- 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of Homeland Security for return to his country of origin.

It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

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Defendant